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INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 1971

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR MRN /LIBREVILLE 1971 VICE 1977/

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BENC, EFIN, GB

SUBJ: SOACO AND MANAGEMENT OF GABON'S FOREIGN DEBT

REF: (A) LIBREVILLE 1648 (B) LIBREVILLE 1839

1. IN REFTELS EMBASSY REPORTED THAT FRANK DAVIS HAD BEEN APPOINTED ADVISER TO FINANCE MINISTER OKINDA, YET SECONDED TO EUGENE IMBERT WHO IS BOTH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER AND ASSOCIATE OF CONSTRUCTION FIRM SOACO IN WHICH PRESIDENT BONGO IS PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDER.

2. LOCAL RELIABLE SOURCE HAS JUST INFORMED EMBASSY THAT DAVIS, AS WELL AS IMBERT, IS IN EMPLOY OF SOACO, AND THAT IMBERT IN ADDITION HAS SOME CONNECTION WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT. SOURCE SHOWED ECONOFF PORTFOLIO OF PRIORITY PROJECTS GIVEN TO HIM BY IMBERT, ALLEGEDLY FOR QUOTE PRESIDENT BONGO'S EYES ONLY UNQUOTE. ALL PROJECTS LISTED ARE THOSE IN WHICH SOACO IS HEAVILY INVOLVED, E.G. SHERATON HOTEL, GENDARMERIE CAMP, ETC.

3. SOURCE REPEATEDLY STRESSED IMBERT'S DUBIOUS AND HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

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QUESTIONABLE REPUTATION, CAUTIONARY NOTE WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN SOUNDED TO US INFORMALLY BY FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE (PROTECT).

4. FOR AMEMBASSY PARIS: APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING INTO REPORT OF IMBERT'S CONNECTION WITH GOF AND LETTING US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING TO IT. STEIGMAN

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